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SUBJECT: INSPECTION TAIL ATTACHMENT BELL HELICOPTERS

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
FROM WILLIAM DIEHL, SERVICE MANAGER, BELL HELICOPTER:

QUOTE A MODEL 205A1 ACCIDENT HAS OCCURRED IN THE GULF
OF MEXICO. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATED FAILURE
OF THE TAIL BOOM ATTACH FITTINGS.

THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY INSPECTION IS REQUIRED ON THOSE
205A/205A1 HELICOPTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN SERVICE FOR
MORE THAN ONE YEAR OR MORE THAN 500 HOURS. VISUALLY
INSPECT ALL TAIL BOOM ATTACH POINT FITTINGS WITHIN THE
NEXT 5 FLYING HOURS OR 2 CALENDAR DAYS, WHICHEVER OCCURS
FIRST, AND EVER 50 HOURS THEREAFTER.

INSPECT THE UPPER TAIL BOOM ATTACH FITTINGS THROUGH
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BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT INTERIOR, BY REMOVING THE FORWARD

DOMELIGHT. USING A BRIGHT LIGHT AND MIRROR, INSPECT THE VISIBLE PORTIONS OF THE ATTACH FITTINGS FOR CRACKS. SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO INSPECTION OF THE UPPER LEFT-HAND ATTACH FITTINGS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF THE MOST FORWARD RIVETS.

REMOVE THE FOUR PLUG BUTTONS, REF. 205A1 1.P.B. FIG. 173, ITEM 49 AND VISUALLY INSPECT THE ATTACHMENT BARREL NUT BORES (FOUR) FOR CRACKS. BE SURE THAT NOT LESS THAN ONE OR MORE THAN TWO THREADS PROTRUDE THROUGH NUT AFTER TIGHTENING. (REF. M AND O MANUAL, SECTION VIII, PAGE 8-17, PARAGRAPHS 8-120 H K L AND M.) REINSTALL PLUG BUTTONS AND PROSEAL.

REMOVE THE MOST FORWARD ACCESS DOOR ON THE LOWER SKIN OF THE TAIL BOOM BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT TO EXPOSE LOWER FITTINGS. USING A BRIGHT LIGHT AND MIRROR, INSPECT THE VISIBLE PORTIONS OF THE ATTACHMENT FITTINGS FOR ANY INDICATIONS OF CRACKING, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF THE MOST FORWARDED RIVETS.

OPEN THE ACCESS DOOR TO INSPECT THE FOUR TAIL BOOM ATTACHMENT FITTINGS ON THE FUSELAGE BULKHEAD. INSPECT FITTINGS FOR EVIDENCE OF CRACKS, GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE AREA AROUND THE TAIL BOOM ATTACH BOLT AND MOST AFT FASTNERS. PARTICULAR ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE INSPECTION OF THE LOWER LEFT HAND FITTING.

ANY CRACK IS CAUSED FOR IMMEDIATE GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT AND NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE MANAGER, BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON. UNQUOTE. SISCO UNQUOTE SISCO

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